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2. In late February, [REDACTED] the East German Ministry of the Interior had given an order to design a road between Strausberg and Eggersdorf, southeast of Strausberg. Work on the project, which was started in 1954, has already been started. The sum of 5 [REDACTED] million marks has been allocated. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the figures contained in this tabulation are correct. The tabulation indicates that a total of 370,000 metric tons of fuel were consumed in the traffic sector alone. As the fuel requirements of the East German economy are at about the same level, it is estimated that the total annual fuel consumption of the East German civilian economy approximates 740,000 tons. In 1953, 735,000 tons of fuel were allocated for civilian consumption. This represents about 50 percent of the total 1953 fuel production. Fuel consumption by the KVP is estimated at about 50,000 tons per year, that of the Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany at 200,000 to 250,000 tons per year. [REDACTED] 200,000 metric tons of fuel were available [REDACTED] and stock piling, because the 1953 output of fuel [REDACTED] 1.5 billion tons.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Large-scale KVP construction project [REDACTED] to house top-level KVP agencies and referred to by the designation "Berlin" are being executed in the Strausberg area. [REDACTED] This construction work was ordered by the East German Ministry of [REDACTED] will also include railroad construction work. See [REDACTED] 12.

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